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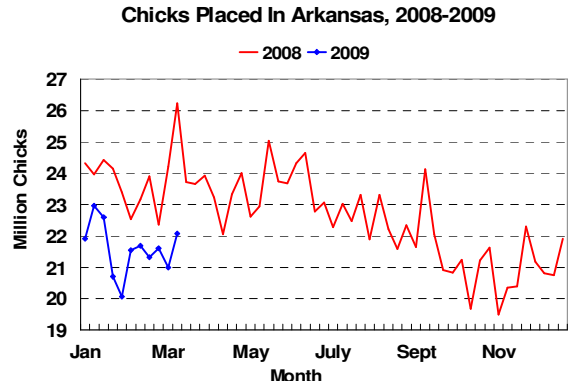
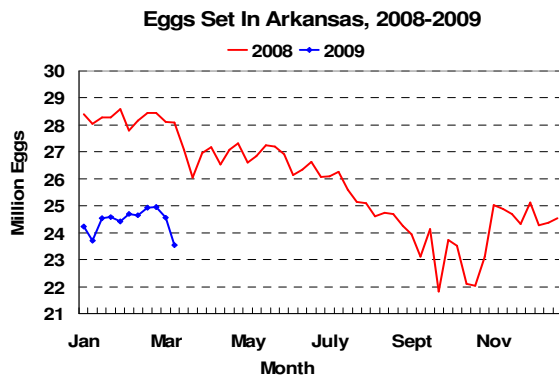


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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 16 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 22.1 million during the week ending March 14, 2009. Placements were down 16 percent from the comparable week in 2008 but up 5 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 23.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 14, 2009, down 16 percent from the same period last year and down 4 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, February 14, 2009 - March 14, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	14-Feb	21-Feb	28-Feb	7-Mar	14-Mar	14-Feb	21-Feb	28-Feb	7-Mar	14-Mar
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	29,635	28,950 *	29,309 *	28,891 *	28,575	20,291	20,365	20,085 *	20,962 *	19,786
Arkansas	24,642	24,943 *	24,969	24,558 *	23,551	21,696	21,320	21,596	20,983 *	22,082
Delaware	3,304	3,466	3,703	3,558 *	3,525	3,975	4,656	4,655	4,846 *	4,517
Florida	1,021	995 *	1,008	1,005	987	852	741	741	741	724
Georgia	32,711	32,818	33,109	32,643	33,015	28,180	26,910	26,289 *	26,442 *	27,577
Kentucky	7,832	7,178 *	7,795	7,830	7,452	6,543 *	4,498 *	5,993 *	6,720 *	6,129
Louisiana	3,470	3,470	3,470	2,230	2,230	3,031	3,655	3,331	3,240	3,196
Maryland	8,779	8,866	9,047	8,851	9,204	5,083	5,217	5,307	5,364 *	6,081
Mississippi	17,692	17,891	17,894	18,035	18,129	15,631	15,655	16,135	16,579	16,793
N. Carolina	18,218	18,418 *	18,762	18,882	19,218	15,292	15,507	15,443	15,024	15,048
Oklahoma	6,939	6,726 *	6,772	6,888 *	6,752	4,549	4,529	4,783	5,373	4,282
Pennsylvania	3,565	4,190	4,168	3,905 *	4,012	3,093	3,121	3,111	2,770 *	3,227
S. Carolina	5,589	5,789	5,628	5,436	5,941	4,765	4,543	5,664	4,844	4,659
Texas	15,555	15,558	15,624	15,622	15,417	13,208	12,640 *	13,189	13,336	13,285
Virginia	5,749	5,943	5,939	5,954	5,970	5,289	4,512	4,303	4,885	4,944
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,093	19,269	19,716	19,105 *	19,203	15,563	15,496	16,188	15,357 *	16,938
19 State Total	202,794	204,470 *	206,913 *	203,393 *	203,181	167,041 *	163,365 *	166,813 *	167,466 *	169,268
Prev. Year Total	218,479	219,311	219,830	219,337	219,153	177,543	178,240	177,627	179,798	180,426
% of Prev. Year	93	93	94	93	93	94	92	94	93	94

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 7 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 14, 2009. This was down 7 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 14, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through March 14, 2009 were 1.84 billion, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.